

Maine Milk Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Deering Building, Room 233
Hospital Street, Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the June 17, 2005 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties May 20, 2005 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on June 1, 2005.

Commission Present: Chair Michael Wiers, Colon Durrell, John Joseph, Katherine O. Musgrave and Shelley Doak.

Commission Absent: None

Department Officials: None

Staff Present: Stanley K. Millay, Executive Director and Judy Perry of Division of Animal Health & Industry.

Legal Counsel: Lucinda White, Assistant Attorney General

Intervenors Present: John Blake, H.P. Hood, Inc., John Economy, Garelick Farms of Maine, Thomas Brigham, Oakhurst Dairy

Others Present: Dale Cole, Fred Hardy and Julie-Marie Bickford from the Maine Dairy Industry Association (MDIA), Lisa Bragg from the University of Maine and Ellen Guilfoyle from Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.

Meeting called to order at 1:40 P.M.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes: Colon Durrell made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2005 meeting as written. Shelley Doak seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lucinda White, Assistant Attorney General: Lucinda reviewed the violation report for Shaw's Supermarkets and their recent false milk pricing advertising violation. Lucinda recommended the Commission discuss the appropriate penalty for this violation. Ellen Guilfoyle, compliance officer for Shaw's Supermarkets presented new compliance regulations implemented by Shaw's. Shaw's will adjust their policies to ensure compliance is a priority.

Shelley Doak made a motion that stipulates the penalty amount to be no less than \$5,000 and that the Commission suspend the penalty pending no further violations. John Joseph seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Lucinda and Stan Millay will draft an agreement with Shaw's.

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices: The prevailing premium is \$1.10 for July 2005 reported by Dairy Marketing Services. Agri-Mark reported \$0.90 for July 2005. John Joseph made a motion to recognize the price schedule with the producer cost of production at \$0.79 for July 2005 on Class I and \$0.15 on Class II and \$1.10/cwt. over-order premium. Katherine Musgrave seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Minimum milk prices adopted include the Class I price for July 2005 at \$17.14 plus \$0.79/cwt cost of production, plus \$1.10/cwt prevailing over-order premium and a processor assessment of \$0.20/cwt for a total

dealer cost of \$19.23 for July 2005. The Class I price increased \$0.27 from June 2005.

There is no Farm Bill Counter Cyclical Payment (MILC) for July 2005.

Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey: The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for June 2005 which included prices for Augusta and Bangor.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- July 22, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Augusta, Maine
- **Note change of date from Friday August 19 to*
Monday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Augusta, Maine
- September 23, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Augusta, Maine
- October 21, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Augusta, Maine

Agenda Item 6: Other:

1. **Milk Commission Budget:** The Commission Reviewed the income and expenditures.
2. **Producer Margins:** Lisa Bragg attended and presented a preliminary report updating the Commission on the cost of production survey.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: The Commission did not go into Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Stanley Millay, Executive Director, Maine Milk Commission